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The unit of account of the IMF is the SDR; conversions of IMF financial data to U.S. dollars are approximate and provided for convenience. On April 30, 2009, the SDR/U.S. dollar exchange rate was US$1 = SDR 0.667632, and the U.S. dollar/SDR exchange rate was SDR 1 = US$1.49783. The year-earlier rates (April 30, 2008) were US$1 = SDR 0.615847 and SDR 1 = US$1.62378. References to dollar amounts are in U.S. dollars.

"Billion" means a thousand million; "trillion" means a thousand billion. Minor discrepancies between constituent figures and totals are due to rounding.

As used in this Annual Report, the term "country" does not in all cases refer to a territorial entity that is a state as understood by international law and practice. As used here, the term also covers some territorial entities that are not states but for which statistical data are maintained on a separate and independent basis.